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- 1. CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO AUGMENT EMBASSY STAFF BY TWO TCU AND TWO C&R TDY COMMUNICATORS TO INCREASE COVERAGE REQUIRED FOR NIMBUS STAR/MOON TRAFFIC. THIS IS AN INTERIM MEASURE PENDING ESTABLISHMENT SEPARATE DOD CAPABILITY FOR THIS PURPOSE AS STATED BELOW. REQUEST EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL.
- 2. DOD CONSIDERING AIRLIFT OF AN/TGC-20 TRANSPORTABLE COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE TO BE PLACED PREFERABLY IN EMBASSY CAIRO COMPOUND- PGC-20 CONSISTS OF ONE SHELTER APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 13 FEET LONG BY 7 FEET WIDE BY 7 FEET HIGH; OPTIONAL ELECTRICAL POWER UNIT TRAILER MOUNTED; AND ONE MILITARY M-54 TRUCK FOR TRANSPORTATION OF SHELTER, TRAILER AND MISCELLANEOUS PARTS AND SUPPLIES. TWELVE MAN CONFIDENTIAL

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USAF OPERATION TEAM WOULD ACCOMPANY AND REMAIN. PROPOSE TO LOCATE SHELTER ON EMBASSY COMPOUND FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY, ELECTRICAL CONNECTION IF AVAILABLE (15 KW, 240 VOLTS, 60 HERTZ AC) AND FACILITATE LOCAL COORDINATION

OF MESSAGE TRAFFIC. PACKAGE WOULD REMAIN THROUGHOUT PHASE I OF NIMBUS STAR TO PROVIDE ONE SECURE TSL-TYPEWRITER CIRCUIT AND ONE NONSECURE TELEPHONE CIRCUIT BETWEEN EMBASSY AND FLAGSHIP WHEN ANCHORED: ONE SECURE TELETYPEWRITER CIRCUIT VIA LEASED CABLE BETWEEN AN APPROPRIATE DCS ENTRY POINT AND EMBASSY: ONE SECURED TELETYPWRITER CIRCUIT AND ONE NON-SECURE TELEPHONE CIRCUIT BETWEEN EMBASSY AND CTF-65 AT ISMAILIA WHEN ESTABLISHED; AND NON-SECURE AUTOVON TELEPHONE ENTRY TO EUROPEAN NETWORK. IF GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, PROPOSE TO HAVE DETAILED COORDINATION WITH EMBASSY STAFF BY APPROPRIATE MILITARY LIAISON. IF INSTALLED AS INDICATED, IT IS PROPOSED THAT ALL MILITARY INITI-ATED RECORD AND VOICE TRAFFIC FOR THE EMBASSY WOULD BE HANDLED VIA TGC-20 FACILITY INCLUDING DAO TRAFFIC INCIDENT TO NIMBUS STAR/MOON. ADVISE DEPARTMENT. RUSH

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